

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE LORD'S WORK MUST BE DONE AND WE MUST DO OUR PART

DO NOT FORGET TO WORK FOR THE EVANGEL AND HELP PUT IT IN NEW HOMES

GOOD AND BAD BEHAVIOR

Loving Submission And Power in Prayer Bring Results.

The Best is None Too Good For Anybody.

Some people don't seem to know much of anything. This is a queer expression, but all will admit the truth of the statement. I have seen some who look very intelligent, and one would think they would say nothing but what is edifying and helpful, but when they get started their words and expressions are almost worthless. Would have been better for them if they had said nothing.

At one time when David's messengers were insulted by Hanun, when the messengers were sent by David to show kindness to him, the children of Ammon declared war against David as a kind of revenge and perhaps because they were afraid of David also. When time came for the battle Joab, David's general, said to his brother who was also in command of a part of the army, "Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the Lord do that which is good in his sight." (1 Chron. 19:13).

As we are now entering the fight for another year, we must say to one another, Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people. There is much responsibility upon us and a failure to behave valiantly would give occasion for our people to question our fidelity. To behave valiantly will mean certain victory if it proves as well with us as it did with David's men. They decided to behave themselves valiantly and let the Lord do what seemed good to Him. This is exactly what we must do and if we behave ourselves good in His sight I see no reason why God will not give us the greatest victory the coming year we have ever seen.

We are sure we have found the right way, and now if we behave good surely there can be no defeat, because God will work for us. In his description of the great things done in olden times the writer of the Hebrews says that the warriors "waxed valiant in fight," and by so doing the armies of the aliens were put to flight. I tell you, this is to be a year for a display of courage and determination. Never have we had so much to do. And never have we been as well prepared to do something.

The Assembly has marked out some changes and work for this year that is going to mean much. It will be a time to prove our loyalty to the great Church of God. It is a time for every member to wax valiant in fight and display such good behavior that it may call forth the exclamation that "they behaved themselves valiantly."

There is both good and bad behavior, but we must have the good behavior in our ranks. It would be bad behavior for us to reproach one another or talk too much on lines that lead to leanness of soul. Too much free tell-tale talk will ruin the spirituality of any soul. I have wondered how some people could have any salvation at all because of their bad behavior, but I hope there will be nothing of this kind in our ranks this year. We can't afford to have any bad behavior anywhere in our ranks. We must behave ourselves valiantly and win the war for our King.

The sweet singer of Israel

sang so beautifully one day, "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way." Can we afford to allow him to do any better than we can? He did it back in his day, and we can do just as well in our day. There is no reason to think otherwise when we have the Holy Ghost to guide and help us. And a little further down in the song are the words, "Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off." One that will do this is having bad behavior. It is bad to take up slanderous reports and circulate them. One that is guilty of such behavior cannot prosper in spirituality. To sit and tell and talk of the faults and failures of others is bad behavior and I hope it will not be done this year. If no one commences such bad behavior it will not be done. Better say with David, "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way."

There is a strong expression by the Apostle Paul that always stands out very prominently when looked at with sincerity. He declares that love "Doth not behave itself unseemly." I wonder what that means! Can love take such possession of a person that he will be controlled by love? If this is what is meant then there is a way to know whether or not one is full of the love that Paul tells about. Love will always behave itself in a manner that is becoming to a child of God. Any action otherwise will prove that love does not have the pre-eminence. It might as well read that a person that is possessed by the love Paul tells about will be decent, have good manners, good conversation, good behavior and always obedient.

Paul's lesson on love followed will always keep people far from bad behavior. It will make their influence for good count among those with whom they mingle. They will not carry tales and try to lower the reputation or character of others. They will not overreach in their conversation that which will have a tendency to injure others. Some people seem to take delight in injuring others, but such as that is always bad behavior. It is not behaving in a perfect way as David said he would do. It is not following Paul's love chapter.

Paul took special pains to tell Timothy how he ought to behave himself in the Church. (1 Tim. 3:15.) And it is certainly no less fitting for me to tell people how they should behave themselves in the Church. I may not always go into details on the subject, but I do love for people to behave themselves in a perfect way, and wax valiant in the fight against sin and all the devil's work. I want to see a display of heroism and bravery this year. I do not want the workers to run in off the field when the battle gets hot and they have to be put on half rations. To run in and give up the work, though it is hard, is not behaving valiantly. It is not good behavior in the Church for a man to refuse to work for the Master simply because he cannot have his way in matters pertaining to government and discipline.

In giving instructions concerning the ministry Paul says, a bishop must be sober, of good behaviour. This infers that one might not behave so well, but

the standard is good behavior, and the deacons should not fall a whit behind in this respect. They should fill their position with honor. No one should bring disgrace upon himself by falling below the standard in behavior. The women are also called upon to be in behaviour as becometh holiness. Follow the instructions of Paul for a year and the standard will not trail in the dust. Good behavior for a whole year by all the ministers and members will tell on the world—will tell on God.

Loving submission and power in prayer will bring results that will tell in eternity. I believe God is preparing us for valuable service in the kingdom over which Jesus will reign without a rival. If we bow to authority here in this world as officers and members of the Lord's Church, He will give us positions of trust there. If we refuse to obey and rebel here there will be no position of trust given us there. This is going to be a good test year for some body. But we are starting in with victory perched upon our banner, and do not believe we will have many more rebels to contend with since we all see what has come to those who have rebelled in the past.

God has been drilling us in the doctrine and we know that every one that receives the Holy Ghost speaks in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. We also know that one must be sanctified before receiving the Holy Ghost. And before sanctification comes repentance and forgiveness of sins. These points are all clear. And we are rejoicing because we are members of the Church of God, but now it is time for us to prove our fidelity by our loving submission and power in prayer. This we can do, and this we will do by the grace and help of the Lord.

We are constantly looking for greater things and better experiences, and the best is none too good for any body. And the best is only obtained by obedience to our superiors. Jesus, our pattern, learned obedience by the things He suffered. Then if it is a little across the grain sometimes to be obedient, it will be better to obey. I have accepted work already this year that I thought surely I never would do. I did not aim to do it, but when it was marked out before me to accept or refuse I found myself humbly submitting. I do not know any other way to do to hold my standing with my Lord and His Church. I would not fail Him for the world. I am constantly over-run with work, but I have no disposition to give up and quit the service. I want to be a soldier of Jesus Christ, and I cannot be one and disobey and refuse to march when the marching orders are given. I march on when the orders are given whether I know where I am going or not. A little incident occurred when I was only a small boy that made a lasting impression on my mind. Several of my father's neighbors and friends were soldiers in the civil war of the sixties. The war had been on for ten or twelve years when one of the old veterans was surprised with the celebration of his birthday. His friends, the ex-soldiers, marched down to his house early in the morning and called him out of bed and ordered him out to march with them to a camp breakfast they had prepared him. They put him in front of the column of marchers and orders were given to march. They started down the lane toward the big road. The captain was attending to some duties and did not

notice that the front of the column had reached the big road where they were to turn to the left, and when he looked at his men in front they were going right over the fence into a big cornfield. They were obeying orders like they had been trained to do. They had been ordered to "forward, march," and they did not dare to turn until orders were given to "left flank, march," so they were going right into the cornfield. This kind of obedience is what God wants us to learn. And we are learning rapidly in these days. A few years ago we did not like to obey, but now we love it, and obey cheerfully no matter what the task is that we are called to do. In my case it takes the burning of midnight lights and scarcely any time to spend in my home, but I render the service cheerfully. I am doing it for my Lord that was out all night for me one dark night when it seemed that all friends had forsaken Him and even God Himself frowned upon Him. The disciples slept and He had to fight the awful battle alone.

It is almost midnight again while this message is going forth from a heart of love and willing sacrifice. Fresh tears of gratitude to God spring to my eyes as I think of God's love to me and the salvation He brought me by His death on dark Calvary's cruel cross when He cried from a broken heart, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" How He loved me then! How I love Him now, because He first loved me! I tell you, my dearly beloved, the best is none too good for any body when it was purchased for us at such a cost. He became obedient, even unto death, and to the most horrible death besides. He could have refused, but He humbly submitted. He could have called twelve legions of angels to fight against the howling mob that mocked and crucified Him, but no, He submitted to their tortures and mockery that He might save the lost of earth.

How do we know but God has a special object in view for the salvation of the lost by requiring perfect obedience of us? If a soul is saved by our obedience, or lost by our disobedience, then it becomes a serious matter, and surely we should observe the very strictest obedience. I do not know the complete machinery of God's plan for the salvation of a soul, but I know enough to say that obedience on our part is very necessary. And doubtless some measure of disobedience on some grounds is the cause of some of our friends and loved ones continuing in sin in the face of the many prayers that are prayed.

As I continue this message I feel like exclaiming, "Oh, for a closer walk with God!" Oh, for a better understanding of God's plan! Oh, for a deeper determination to obey! Whether I understand or not I must obey orders. I must get so close to God in spirit that He can make me know His part. I do not want to be dull of understanding. I want to climb to the highest standard of obedience. There are such grave responsibilities hanging over us that we must walk softly in His presence. I am very anxious for our people to be the most spiritual and best people on earth. Loving submission and power in prayer will go a long way to make it so.

Will you be prayerful and careful, and do your best to behave yourselves wisely and in a perfect way? Will you guard your conversation and actions so that you will never hurt your own experience or bring any reproach upon the Church you

love so well? Will you try to climb to the highest heights of spirituality and thus be a pleasure to the Lord that bought you? Remember that the best that is obtainable through Christ is none too good for members of the great and wonderful Church of God. Jesus purchased us with His own blood, then we should honor Him by our obedience and loving service. Our behavior should always be pleasing in His sight. There is nothing gained by claiming to be good when you are not. And there is surely no excuse for ignorance now since the Holy Spirit is in the world to enlighten the minds and open up the Scriptures so they can be easily understood. God is always present to help when help is needed. Praise His great and wonderful name!

BEGIN A TRACT FUND

Hattie Jackson

There are many ways in which all of us can help spread the gospel such as handing out papers and tracts to our friends, mailing them in bundles and in letters, giving them out after services and soliciting subscribers for the Evangel.

We can sell a few good books and mottoes but those that travel from one place to another can sell a lot of books and wall mottoes, the small size books being convenient to carry. Those who stay at home cannot do as much of this work as we would like to do but I have thought of a plan that will enable us to help more. I suggest that all who are interested and unable to give out many tracts, send any amount they wish and as often as they wish to the Evangel office to begin a tract fund so those who have opportunity to give out the tracts and do not have the means can write for them and have them paid for from this fund. We can be workers together and every one can have opportunity to do more for the Master.

I am sending one dollar (\$1.00) to begin this fund and I hope all who read this will do likewise. Don't forget that "the Lord loves a cheerful giver." After we pay our tithes and give offerings for Home and Foreign Missions, the Sunday school work and other things such as the Orphanage, Auditorium and helping the Evangel to go far and wide, we can still find a little change for the tract fund. We have no lodge dues to pay, no doctor or drug bills, no tobacco bills, we wear plain clothing and spend nothing for jewelry and things like that. This is why we should give more to the Lord's work. Praise His name. His gift to us is eternal life and God so loved us that He gave His only begotten Son. Can we measure our love for Him by our gifts?

Message of Love

To the Churches of God Scattered Throughout Mississippi—Greetings:

Beloved, as I was appointed overseer of our great state and its people that belong to the great Church of God I am sending this little message of love to you.

I realize that this is a great undertaking and I might give up, if it were not for the good saints of God that I know are standing with me, with their prayers and kind words.

Beloved, let us see the church move on this year as never before. Let us see how many new churches we can set in order by the next Assembly. As I look over the state with my spiritual eyes and see the young soldiers of the cross, with Bibles in

hand, ready to march against the enemy and not let up until he is conquered I take new courage and intend to do my part in spreading the gospel.

I want to say to our evangelists that no doubt they will have calls to other states, but let us stay on our job and in our state as much as possible. We have so many counties that have no Churches of God and I don't believe that there are any people in the world more anxious for the gospel than the Mississippians, so let us get the gospel to them as quickly as we can.

Now, I don't mean to lord it over God's heritage, but I am anxious about our own people.

Every one should read the Evangel and get the minutes as soon as you can and get acquainted with the financial system, which was adopted at the last Assembly.

I will be around to see all of you just as soon as I can. May God's richest blessings be upon you this year.

Your servant and brother,
H. A. Pressgrove.

Saved From Sin

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints—Greetings in the Name of Jesus: I am praising the Lord through the Evangel for the victory in my soul. He is my all in all. I love Him because He first loved me. Glory! I am not ashamed to own my Saviour. Hallelujah!

He has saved me from sin, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and gave me the evidence of speaking in other tongues. I am a member of the Church of God. She is the Bible church and the signs that Jesus spoke about are following the church. Glory to God. I am so glad that the Lord sent Brother R. E. Drummonds here. He gave me the light on the Church of God. I love her and all her teachings. I praise God for His mighty healing power. The way grows brighter every day.

I want to be a shining light in this world for Jesus and help lift the standard higher and higher. I am so glad I ever surrendered myself to God. I want to be a soul winner for Jesus.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

I desire the prayers of all the saints for a little neighbor girl who has been a cripple for two years. Her name is Pearl Adkins. Her sister asked me to request prayer for her that God would heal her and manifest His mighty power in this community as most all the people here are unbelievers. Her father doesn't believe in this way but he said if she were healed he would believe in holiness all the rest of his life. All pray earnestly that God will heal her.

I also desire prayers of the saints that my loved ones may be saved before it is too late. I want you to pray for my hearing that the Lord may get glory out of my life and that I may stay low and humble at the Master's feet and do His will.

Since writing this I have a deeper determination than ever to go the whole way.

Your sister awaiting the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Mabel Harris,
Ferrellsburg, W. Va.

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The title describes the contents of the book.

This book contains information, that if read, will no doubt be a blessing to our people at this time.

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We hope to get up with our
work soon so we can get the
Evangel out on time again.

The Assembly was so great
that it seems we will never get
it erased from our memory.

Work on the Auditorium was
continued soon after the close
of the great Assembly. We want
to get it completed in a few
weeks.

W. R. Anderson has been re-
called from the ministry be-
cause of seditious practices, dis-
loyalty and wrong teaching. He
will probably see his error when
it is too late.

R. L. Cotnam has been here
and declared his loyalty to the
Church and desires to be re-
instated to the ministry. This
matter is now under consid-
eration by those in authority.

I presume most all of the
ministers who are to be sta-
tioned for the year are on their
new work by this time. We be-
speak for them great success if
they will spend enough time in
prayer.

A statement in the Oxford
Bulletin "New York" says, "Im-
migrants are now arriving at
the rate of fifty thousand a
month." This is a loud call for
missionary work in this country
under the new system recom-
mended by the last General As-
sembly.

It is almost time to place or-
ders for Sunday-school litera-
ture again. We hope no one will
reduce the size of their order
because the price has advanced
slightly. We are compelled to
advance the price, although we
do so very reluctantly. You will
need a good supply for the in-
crease the first of the new year.

Those who have pledged mon-
ey for the Auditorium and Or-
phanage should try to send it in
as soon as possible. We need
every thing we can get, both in
gifts and loans to enable us to
meet the big bills that are com-
ing due. Please do not slack up
because the Assembly is over. If
every district will follow the ex-
ample of the Tampa, Fla. dis-
trict it would be a great help.
The district overseer took up the
work and collected from his
churches as follows: The Oaks
\$19.00, Largo \$31.50, Tarpon

Springs, \$46.00, Hudson 21.70,
Tampa \$86.00. Why not go and
do likewise?

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en's Bells Are Ringing, and
Shine Oh Let it Shine, are on
sale at the Evangel Office at 10c
each. These are fine songs, set
to music, and ready for use.
Those who know these songs
are delighted with them. By
purchasing them you not only
get some fine songs, but you
help sister Heath to spread the
gospel in song and otherwise.

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per dozen, and \$30.00 per 100.
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fine songs. Shaped notes ex-
clusively.

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hausted during the Assembly,
but we are expecting a new
stock in a few days. We will
give notice when they arrive.

Any who are interested in
buying or selling property
should send for literature pre-
pared by the Exchange Depart-
ment. We have a lot of good
property listed for sale, and
ready to do business with par-
ties interested on short notice.
Come and see us, or write us
your wants. Address Exchange,
Evangel Office, Cleveland, Tenn.

REQUESTS

Z. R. Thomas, Buhl, Ala., re-
quests the saints to pray for
his healing.

Belle Koon, Fort White, Fla.,
asks the saints to pray that
she may get the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Jennie Hill, Eldorado, Ill.,
requests the saints to earnest-
ly pray for her family to be
saved.

Lucius Christopher and wife of
Canton, N. C. wants the
saints to pray for them to re-
ceive the whole power of God.

Mrs. J. A. Watts, Broxton, Ga.,
asks the saints to pray for
her little girl's tongue to be
healed and that she may re-
ceive the Holy Ghost.

Clarah More, Bight, Long Is-
land, Bahamas, requests the
saints to pray for her brother
to be reclaimed. Also pray
that she may grow strong in
this holy way.

Mrs. Catherine Davis, Savannah,
Ga., wants the saints to pray
for her children who are in
sin. Also pray for her in her
sorrow, in the loss of her
daughter.

B. B. Collins, Hinesville, Ga., re-
quests the saints to pray for
him as he is afflicted near un-
to death. He wants to be re-
stored both soul and body for
the Master's use.

Mrs. Ella Harden, Beltona, Ala.,
wants the saints to earnestly
pray for their seven year old
son. He has been sick two
years and has the hook
worm, head trouble and they
also fear, heart dropsy.

Ollie Pearson, Waco, Texas,
asks the saints to pray for
her brother's child, that his
sight may be restored and
that her brother and wife
will give their hearts to God
before it is too late. Also pray
for her that she may grow
stronger in the Lord and do
His will at all times. She asks
the saints to pray for a great
revival to be held there.

Lettecea E. Moree, Bight Long
Island, Bahamas, requests the
saints to pray for her husband
to be healed of head trouble
and that he may grow strong-
er in the faith. Also pray for
her brother to be healed of
asthma. He has been suffer-
ing twenty years. Also pray
for the Lord to save more
souls at that place.

HOME MISSION RECEIPTS.

Church, Pratt City, Ala.,	\$2 57
" Gardner, Fla.,	45
" Carmi, Ill.,	1 80
" Cherry Valley, Ark.,	1 00
" Miami, Fla.,	1 30
" Gifford, Fla.,	75
" Alva, Fla.,	4 26
" Sunburst, N. C.,	4 58
" Somerset, Ky.,	3 40
" Walhalla, S. C.,	5 31
" Gastonia, N. C.,	50
T. P. Douglas, Miami, Fla.,	6 90
Church, Spring Hope, N. C.,	2 82
" Wimauma, Fla.,	4 46
" Fork, S. C.,	8 00
" Providence, Tenn.,	90
S. S. Haworth, Temple, Okla.,	2 50
Rhoda Howard, Ada, Okla.,	1 00
Church, Pulaski, Va.,	1 90
E. D. Johnson, Pulaski, Va.,	3 00
Church, Moorman, Ky.,	2 14
" Red Oak Grove, Tenn.,	2 50
" Hazlehurst, Ga.,	2 00
" Spring Place, Ga.,	2 80
" Sobel, Tenn.,	50
" Kentwood, La.,	2 72
" Jesup, Ga.,	1 30
" Largo, Fla.,	4 60
" Hudson, Fla.,	2 73
" Arcadia, Fla.,	27
" Marietta St., Atlanta, Ga.,	1 01
" Hiwassee, Tenn.,	90
" New Bethel, Tenn.,	90
" Offerman, Ga.,	50
" Lamar, Mo.,	1 20
" Brighton, Mo.,	1 00
" Honey Comb, Ill.,	3 71
" Crab Orchard, Tenn.,	3 15
" Bonne Terre, Mo.,	2 56
Church, West Toledo, Ohio,	4 36
" Jacksonville, Fla.,	1 00
" Princess Anne, Md.,	1 00
" Danville, Va.,	10 70
" Wauchula, Fla.,	1 00
" Bogue, N. C.,	3 30
" Williston, Fla.,	3 06
" Lagrange, Ga.,	1 30
" Gifford, Fla.,	32
J. R. Moxley,	30
Church, Dorothy, W. Va.,	1 00
" Biltmore, N. C.,	80
" Woodbury, N. J.,	2 00
" Sale Creek, Tenn.,	1 26
" Biltmore, N. C.,	1 00
" Berryton, Ga.,	1 18
" Greenville, S. C.,	1 00
Sunday School, Fondu, Ky.,	2 05

FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS

John Baker, Culberson, N. C.,	\$ 7 39
Church, Lawrenceville, Ill.,	1 78
" Gunton Park, Va.,	1 20
" Gifford, Fla.,	25
" Gastonia, N. C.,	50
S. S. Haworth, Temple, Okla.,	2 50
E. D. Johnson, Pulaski, Va.,	3 00
Church, Brockdell, Tenn.,	1 00
" Manatee, Fla.,	25
Mrs. Logan Leach, Mt. Grove, Mo.,	30
Wm. R. Franks, Cooperstown, Abaco, Bah.,	4 00
Church, Duke, N. C.,	2 00
" Cleveland, Tenn.,	8 61
" Greenville, S. C.,	75
S. S. Fondu, Ky.,	2 53
S. S. Artesia, Miss.,	4 00

OBITUARIES

Gone to Be With Jesus
Howard Dewey Mead, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Mead of
Sherwin, Kans., departed this
life to the great beyond, Nov.
8, 1920, age thirteen months.

His death was caused from
a burn which he received Nov.
6. He was a sweet baby and it
was hard to give him up, but
God saw fit to take him home.
The parents trusted the Lord to
the end.

We do not mourn as those
who have no hope for we intend
to see him again on that shining
shore, where parting will be no
more.

Thou art gone, our precious darling,
Never more we'll see your face;
Till we meet you over yonder,
In that happy dwelling place.

Her aunt,
Hattie Richardson.

The death angel visited the
home of Harris Cochran, Nov.
1, 1920, and took his loving
wife home to heaven. How we
miss her no one knows. Every-
thing that hands could do was
done but God reached out His
mighty hand and took her home
to heaven.

She professed religion when
sixteen years of age and was a
faithful member of the M. E.
church. She was a faithful wife
and mother to her husband and
children and did everything she
could to make home happy. She
bore her suffering with patience
and called the Christians to her
bed side to pray for her that she
might be healed if it were the
Lord's will. If not, she was ready
to go.

She leaves to mourn her
death, a husband, two children,

father, mother, four brothers,
one sister and a host of relatives
and friends. Weep not for her,
for we know that her suffering
is over.

The funeral was conducted
by the writer.

In the grave yard softly sleeping,
Where the flowers gently wave;
Lies the one we loved so dearly,
In her silent lonely grave.

Peaceful be your sleep, dear sister,
It is sweet to breathe your name;
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

Just a few days ago you left us,
How we miss you, sister dear;
And remember your sweet face,
As we drop a silent tear.

You will never be forgotten,
Never from our memory fade;
Loving hearts will always linger,
Around the grave where you are
laid.

G. C. Dunn.

The death angel came to my
home, Aug. 11, 1920, and claim-
ed my daughter, Mrs. Mamie
Dixon. She had been a sufferer
for over a year.

She was saved, sanctified and
filled with the Holy Ghost and
a member of the Church of God
at Bethel church, near Melrose,
Ga. She left a good testimony
that she was ready to go.

She leaves to mourn her death
a daughter, mother, two sisters
and three brothers.

I do not mourn for her as
those who have no hope, for I
know in just a little while that
I will see her again.

Mrs. Catherine Davis.

Gone But Not Forgotten

The death angel visited the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Allison
near Tipso, Miss. Oct. 23, 1920,
and claimed their little boy,
Guy, age 11 years, 5 months and
8 days. He was sick for four
days.

We hated to give little Guy
up, he was the only boy in the
family. Loving hands did all
that could be done but God knew
best and took him on to the
other shore.

He leaves to mourn his
death a father, mother, four
sisters and a host of relatives
and friends.

The funeral service was con-
ducted by H. A. Pressgrove and
the body was laid to rest in the
Henson cemetery, to await the
resurrection.

The golden gates were open-
ed wide and little Guy passed in.
He is not dead but sleepeth. We
weep not as those who have no
hope.

His friend.

Myrtle Crostlewait.

The death angel visited the
home of Brother Jack and Sister
Delia Stockton, and claimed
their little baby, Mary Magda-
lene. She lived five months and
ten days without medicine, fully
in the hands of God. The father
and mother were faithful and
trusted God to the end. She was
sick nine days.

The little body was laid to
rest in the Salem cemetery and
the funeral service was conduct-
ed by E. C. Rider.

Oh how we miss her but God
knew best. We don't weep as
those who have no hope, for we
expect to meet her again some
sweet day where all is love,
peace and joy.

In the grave yard softly sleeping,
Where the flowers gently wave;
Lies darling little Mary Magdalene,
In her silent lonely grave.

You shall never be forgotten,
Never from our memory fade;
Loving hearts will always linger,
Round the grave where you are
laid.

Peaceful be your sleep, little Mary
Magdalene,
It is sweet to breathe your name;
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

Thou art gone, our precious darling,
Never more we'll see your face;
But we will meet you over yonder,
In that happy resting place.

A friend who loved her,
Mary Wallace.

DEEPER THINGS OF GOD

J. L. Thornhill

These are awful days that
are stealing in upon us, days
that have not been expected by
the world; days of anxiety,
grief and superstition. "Launch
out into the deep," said the
Master to His disciples. That
same commanding voice of the
Master is sounding out to the
world to-day and it will pay us
well to heed it today.

Precious souls are going into
that awful region of darkness
and despair at every tick of the
clock. Brothers and sisters,
what are you doing toward res-
cuing them? God, help us to put
forth every effort to rescue
them from that awful pit.

Brethren, sisters, we need a
high powered personality to
launch out into the deep, so
as to herald the projectiles of
God's truth into the enemy's
trenches, that the armor plate
of ignorance might be penetrat-
ed and all of God's people be
made to take a look at the
deeper things of God that have
already appeared on the hori-
zon.

We are living in an advanc-
ed age now, an age of anxiety,
grief and superstition, an age
of mighty signs and wonders.
Each day being an added light
upon the Word of God. As in
the days of Paul, God is ap-
pearing or, in other words, is
manifesting Himself to His peo-
ple through the Word as never
before.

"But rise, and stand upon thy
feet: for I have appeared unto
thee for this purpose, to make
thee a minister and a witness
both of these things which thou
hast seen, and of those things
in the which I 'will' appear un-
to thee; Delivering thee from
the people, and from the Gen-
tiles, unto whom now I send
thee, To open their eyes and
to turn them from darkness to
light and from the power of
Satan unto God, that they may
receive forgiveness of sins, and
inheritance among them which
are sanctified by faith that is in
me." Acts 26:16-18. Yes, in-
deed, there is much territory to
be explored, let us move on and
explore and possess the land,
it is ours and we may have it
too.

Every age of the past has an
ending and an awful ending too
—a great crisis. Once more
the world is coming to a great
crisis, one of the first in mag-
nitude. Folks laugh at our
preaching and way of life. We,
of course, see the folly of their
doings, but they do not.

Beloved, while the world is
becoming more and more "nat-
ural," we need to become more
and more spiritual, so as to be
able to stand against the wiles
of Satan.

Man is becoming deified to-
day. He is working out a plan
whereby conditions shall pre-
vail on earth and all the evils
of the past ages will be dis-
pensed with and an earthly
heaven set up here. Yes, great
plans for the future; many air
castles being built by the wise
of this world, vast expenditures
of wealth—these are all wasted,
cast out to the owls and bats,
because of a lack of spiritual
wisdom.

Oh, that men would read the
Word of God without prejudice,
launch out into the deep of
spiritual understanding and see
God's great plan for His chil-
dren. Now is the time to go
deeper, let us sacrifice, yes, sac-
rifice as never before, put all
even to yourself on the altar
and say, "Here am I, Lord, send
me, for the harvest truly is
plenteous and laborers are few."

Some of us are bound more
or less by earth's fetters but
God will show us, if we earnest-
ly desire His best. Some things
may be lawful for us as with
Paul but not expedient. Let
us keep our bodies under sub-
jection. "But I buffet my body,
and bring it into bondage: lest
by any means, after that I
have preached to others, I my-
self should be rejected." R. V.
1 Cor. 9:27.

Oh, this is the most momen-
tous hour of history; events are
transpiring rapidly, people don't
know one hour what the next

will bring—man's heart falling
him for fear for what is coming
upon the earth. Truly it is the
time for the whole armour of
God to be put on. We can't
stand or do without it. "Where-
fore let him that thinketh he
standeth take heed lest he fall."
1 Cor. 10:12.

Thank God, for some of His
His Spirit filled people who are
launching out into the deep and
are striving to get souls to God.
They deem that the coming of
the Lord is near. There seems
to be a mighty cry for more of
God. The great spiritual realm
is being entered more and more
by the "Church of God" each
day. Now, "Light is sown for
the righteous, and gladness for
the upright in heart." Ps. 97:
11. Amen. Let us move for-
ward and possess the land.

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SYMPATHY

By the Wayfarer

It is one of the best things
you get out of life. You can't
escape. Sometimes you think
when you have been particu-
larly oppressed by the word of
others, that you would be hap-
pier if you could crawl into
your shell, shut out the rest of
humanity and get along with
your own personal joys and
glooms. And some have done
this, such as hermits, anchorites
and desert dwellers. But it won't
work. To retreat from your fel-
lowmen is as if the land ran a-
way from the rain, or the flow-
ers hid from the sunshine. It
means hardness, dryness, death.

There are certain goods, my
brother, that you get from life
as you go along. There is food
and drink for your belly and
clothes for your back, shelter
for your head, and money for
your pocket, there is the import
of familiar things at home, the
cat and the dog and the old
blue china set. There is a new
suit for the man and a new
dress for the woman and a sled
and a toy for little Johnny.

There are lots of joys in this
world for you and me, one way
or another. And not the least
of all satisfaction in this vale
of tears, is that warmth which
comes to the cockles of your
heart, when you meet the
brother who takes to you—and
the woman who understands
and likes you.

This world would be a poor-
stowed clave pen if all the
liquor of appreciation and sym-
pathy were banished and there
were no more greetings of
friendship and fat hours of fel-
lowship. For good or for ill
my brothers and sisters are a
part of me—and so are my en-
emies. I confess to being
strongly affected by this liquor
of fellowship that runs from
heart to heart. When I meet a
person who does not like me, it
gives me a kind of depression,
I am a bit sick at my stomach
and I want to run as from a
pestiferous odor.

Some people enjoy enemies.
I don't. It has been said that
a Scotchman is never so happy
as when he is miserable and an
Irishman has no peace until he
gets into a fight. But there are
others like me, that the least
intoxicating quaff of sympathy
will set them humming.

Sympathy means "suffering
with." We usually use the term
for the communion of griefs
only. That is good, of course.
It helps a lot for any one to
feel sorry because you are sick
and to cry because you have
bumped your nose. Still it is
easier to share grief than joy.
Human nature just naturally
gravitates toward the gloom.

But if you would be my real
and longed-for brother and
friend, I pray you to cultivate
a capacity for sharing my happy
moments. When I am depressed
in the spirit, pray for me, but
don't forget to shout with me
when I rejoice and you will be
a brother and friend—all that
can be desired.

INSANITY — DEMONOLOGY

F. J. Lee

I want to mention another subject, then we will change the order. The subject is insanity. Insanity means unsound, more direct reference to a defect of the brain.

There are several forms of insanity such as lunacy, madness, mania, frenzy, monomania etc. Madness is rage created by disease. We have seen people with certain diseases get in a rage at times. In former articles we have seen that disease is spiritual or, in other words, a chronic disease is a result of a demon. As the brain, especially the cerebrum, is the seat of sensations, doubtless that demon of disease plays upon those special nerves which brings this sensation of rage. Mania and frenzy denote the excited stage of the disease.

Lunacy—With this form of insanity the mind is deranged at intervals. Some have thought it was influenced by the moon, hence lunacy.

Monomania is insanity on a single subject. The patient will be sane on every subject but one. In this, one faculty of the mind is deranged. Perhaps that one faculty has been strained and impaired by continued study on one subject and not keeping the faculties evenly balanced.

There are many kinds of insanity or perhaps it is insanity referred to under different heads.

Have you ever noticed the manifestation of extra strength in the person that is completely demented? I'm sure you have. I have seen it and heard of it on many occasions. What is it? It is energy supplied by an unseen force. Energy is a synonymous term with force, power and strength. Therefore a person who is exercised and actuated by this extra energy is called an "energumen." Webster says that an energumen is one actuated or worked upon by evil spirits. This answers the question so often asked, "Why is it that demented people usually have such extra strength?" The man at the tombs was an energumen. There were so many demons controlling him that the people "couldn't keep him bound even with chains."

We have brought out in former articles that the first symptoms of a disease is not an evil spirit; that the first chew of tobacco and the first drink of whiskey is not a demon; but as the party kept using it the system became impaired. If he would quit using it at once the system would repair itself, but the continued use so weakens the system that it becomes an easy prey for unclean spirits. So when the unclean spirit enters the user has become addicted to it and has no rest unless he gratifies the demon. So it is with insanity. Usually insanity comes on gradually, perhaps the man himself will not notice it but his friends will detect it. Many times this is caused by breaking the law of nature which causes a great strain on the nervous system which has its center in the brain. Not only the nervous system being wrecked but even the brain is impaired, thereby opening an avenue for an unclean spirit which the weakened body cannot resist. Therefore he takes charge of the soul. You may say, "That is a broad expression." I didn't say spirit.

Man is composed of body, soul and spirit. 1 Thes. 5:23. The soul is that part of man known as intellect, that which produces sensation of light, sound, taste, smell, hunger, fatigue, touch, heat, cold, hearing etc. Without these and other sensations we would not be a living soul.

You have wondered how it is that men and women who seemed to have been the best people you ever knew, after becoming demented they not only had an extra supply of strength but they would curse, lie, steal, sing bad songs, and say and do anything that the most wicked would do. Some would

try to explain this by saying that these were impressions made on the brain years before. No, sir, this will not work for I have seen men and women who were absolutely moral all their lives, never had sung the trashy songs, never had cursed, never had been mean—This was what made it so shocking and strange. If the unclean spirit used the vocal organs of the men at the tomb and talked to Jesus, why not the spirits be able to do the same today? When the unclean spirits get the uppermost seat in man's soul he uses his faculties or, at least, his vocal organs to curse and sing etc.

I know of many cases like the above mentioned but I will mention one case especially, a woman who was a minister and a power for God until her sickness. She was an instrument in the salvation of many souls, through her He cast out devils and the sick were healed. She was true up to the time her mind became unbalanced. From that time on to her death she would curse and use the worst of language. Some have wondered if she had really been backslidden. I say, no, but the unclean spirit was playing upon her soul (intellect) and nervous system. Remember that animals have souls. I said man is composed of body, soul and spirit. This demon hadn't touched this sister's spirit, but was playing upon her soul and body. When the spirits attack the body there is pain and sickness; when they attack the soul it is insanity; when they play on the spirit, actuate the spirit, it is sin.

I know this will be strange teaching to many, yet I am fully persuaded that it is in perfect harmony with God's Word.

Note—I have had many letters and requests that I put these articles in book form. I have decided to do so but I will finish the book with divine healing and telling how to get rid of these demons.

NOTICES

Be it known to all whom it may concern, that A. J. Berry of Toledo, Ohio, is no longer a member of the Church of God. E. Haynes, state overseer.

If any of the dear saints of God wish to exchange oranges or bananas for apples, please write me as I would like to exchange, so that I could have them for Christmas.

C. G. Coggins,
Erastus, N. C.

Special Notice

We, the Publishing Committee, take this means to announce that the former editor of the Evangel will continue to edit and publish the Evangel for the coming year, allowing him to select and hire his office force.

We also express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for his faithfulness in the past and we bespeak success for the Evangel the ensuing year.

F. J. Lee, chairman of Publishing Committee.

To the Churches of the Wimauma District—Greetings:

I have been appointed overseer of your district and have accepted the work. I am glad to know that you desired my service this year and I will promise to do my best to serve you successfully.

Let us all work together as we are expecting this year to be the greatest of all the previous years for the Church of God and we do not want to be behind in any good work. We will all have to work together to have success and this we will do by the grace and power of God.

I will be at Wimauma on Sunday, Nov. 28. Would like to have as many delegates as possible from each church to meet me there, so we can all get acquainted and arrange the work for the year. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

Your brother,
J. P. Hughes.
Wimauma, Fla.

From the Battlefield

Have just visited Naugatuck, W. Va., where Brother Silas Marcum and son held a meeting recently and set a church in order with twenty members, each member apparently with real victory. The saints at this place shout, dance and handle fire in a wonderful way.

All the Evangel family, please pray for this church, as this work was started once before and grievous wolves came in and scattered the flock.

Please pray that I may stay humble and be submissive to His will.

Yours looking for His coming,

B. E. Drummond.

Vision of the Church of God

After a hard battle against sin and the devil and as the enemy cast rocks and eggs and amid the persecutions, the Lord gave me a vision of the Church of God.

After service when I lay down to rest I was carried by the Spirit out over the great deep ocean. Not the least fear came over me. As I looked west I saw an object coming with a steady move toward the east. As it approached me something seemed to say, "That is the Church of God." I saw Brother Tomlinson just as plain as I ever saw him, at the head looking over the great mass of people. The saints were looking east. This was the most beautiful scene I ever saw in my life. The great vessel was moving rapidly, no smoke or fire or steam could be seen. When it came to land it disappeared. I was still moving with the great vessel, hearing the shouts and praises of God. When it disappeared I beheld people from every nation coming crying and praying and asking, "Where has the Church gone?"

As I looked I saw the Church coming in greater power and glory, Brother Tomlinson still in his position amid the great praises of those who were looking for the church and coming to her.

This was seen before the Assembly.

Your brother under the blood,
W. M. Coleman.
Fanner, Tenn.

Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints:

I am truly glad to know with a clear conscience that I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. I do praise Him for the Bible way. I praise Him because He made me willing to humble myself to see the way He intended for His true sheep to go. A true sheep knows His voice and will follow, but a stranger they do not know. Praise His sweet name!

I do not have the opportunity of attending Sunday school and preaching every Sunday but, thank God, we can hold up our little prayer meetings at home and live the life as we learn in the guide He left for us to go by. Praise His sweet name!

I have had the Holy Ghost three years last February and I am not the least bit tired of the way. I feel it is time to press on as never before for I don't think it will be long till we reap what we sow. Let us ever be found at our post of duty and working with all our might to save a lost dying world, of sin.

Pray that husband may come into the church and that we may be a blessing to this world.

Your sister looking unto Him for all,

Mrs. Hayden Green.

Chokoloskee, Fla.

Dear Saints and Readers of the Evangel:

I am thanking God for His love. I have been seeking for the baptism of the Holy Ghost ever since March and last night I was sanctified through the blood of Jesus. Thank God! I really felt the love of Jesus. Thank God for His wonderful love for every one who will accept it.

Pray that I will hold out to the end.

H. T. Whidden.

The Strait Way is Right

Dear Saints Scattered Abroad:

I am praising God for victory. I have been trying to live a Christian for five years but would grow weak and get cold until last summer I went to Poplar Grove, Ark. where the

saints were shouting and praising God, and leaping for joy and, praise God, I got the blessing of the Holy Ghost. I had never heard a Church of God preacher before but I knew that was the right way.

One of my cousins was killed in France and I thought I never could love a German but I praise God, I was baptized in water by one after I joined the Church of God at Poplar Grove. I came in under the preaching of Brother Dollahite and was baptized by Brother Jesse Danewhew. When the Lord cleans up our lives we can love everybody. I want all the saints to pray that God will heal my body and that God will send a preacher here to this place. The people here don't know about holiness. I get hungry to be with you saints.

May we all be true and draw closer to God.

Your weak sister under the blood, waiting and watching for His coming,

Acenath Clemons,
Oxford, Miss. R. 4.

In the Strait and Narrow Way

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God for this full and free salvation. Glory to God! I thank God for saving me from sin, sanctifying and filling me with the precious Holy Ghost and fire, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Acts 2: 4. This strait and narrow way just suits me. "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matt. 7:14.

I thank God for giving me the light for "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

Pray that I may stay in the strait and narrow way till Jesus comes. Also pray for my husband who is earnestly seeking for the Holy Ghost.

Your humble sister,

Mrs. Ellie Bell.
Cairo, Ga.

Hungrier For Holy Ghost Than Ever

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am writing a few words as some of the saints who read the Evangel are personally acquainted with me. I am a mem-

ber of the Church of God.

I earnestly request each and every one who reads this to fall on their knees and ask God to give me the full blessing that is promised to me. The way gets brighter every day and I have started all the way with my blessed Saviour. It is my greatest desire to be sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord.

I am praising the Lord tonight for ever sending Brother Simpson to Adamsville last July for I have been hungrier for the blessed Holy Ghost since then, than ever before.

I again ask all the saints to pray earnestly for me, that I may do something for Jesus. I feel so helpless in my Master's work.

Your sister in Jesus,
Mrs. H. H. Hayes,
Adamsville, Ala.

Ages, Ky.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am sounding a note of praise to my Saviour. He is so precious to me.

I am praising Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost.

I am thankful to my blessed Redeemer for letting me attend the great Assembly one time. I certainly enjoyed myself. My husband received the Holy Ghost at the Assembly. I praise God for it.

I thank God that I can trust Him for the healing of my body. I am trusting him for the healing of my baby's head and I want all of you to pray for God to heal it.

Please pray for the Lord to give me more grace and knowledge to trust Him. Also pray for our family.

Mrs. S. W. Ball.

Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

I want to praise the dear Lord for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for the day He sought to save me and picked me up when I was so deep in sin and set me on the solid rock, Christ Jesus. I am praising Him for the dear old Church of God of which I am a member. I love her and her teachings.

I want all the dear saints to please pray that my mother will receive the Holy Ghost and that the rest of the family may be saved.

A sister in Christ,
Georgia Horton.

He Has Wonderfully Saved Her

Dear Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to tell you something of what Jesus has done for me. Praise His dear name.

The Lord wonderfully saved me and sanctified me with His precious blood and baptized me with the Holy Ghost five months ago today, and since then it has been the happiest time in my life. I cannot praise the Lord enough for what He has done for me. It is joy unspeakable and full of glory.

I want to ask the dear saints to pray for our little church at this place and that we may have the nine spiritual gifts. We have the best prayer meetings and the power falls in a wonderful way. Praise God for ever sending the light here.

Ida Smith,
Hazlehurst, Ga.

Isn't This Encouraging?

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for salvation and for His love that is shed abroad in my heart and how I do praise Him for the Church of God at West Frankfort, Ill. One year ago we were holding our meetings in an old store building but through the great effort of our pastor, Brother John Attey, God has given us a nice new church house for which we thank and praise Him.

Dear saints, never get discouraged because there are only a few of you. Two years ago there were only about six or seven of us, now there are about eighty-five. Now, isn't that encouraging?

Sarah Bowyer.

Help the Orphanage Work

To the Sisters in the Church of God Everywhere:

I want every one of us to do something for the Orphan's home in Cleveland, Tenn. We can't go up there and work on the building but we can furnish the home with quilts, pillows, pillow cases and sheets. Good out grown clothes will be accepted as they will be needed later.

We who attended the Assembly know better what is needed to help those brothers and sisters who are working so faithfully at headquarters. Let us not only pray for them but work with our hands and help with our means in every way we can. God bless you, dear sisters, come on and let us do our best.

Yours in His service,
Mrs. May Roberts.

Collinsville, Ala. R. 2

Special Announcement

The New Year's Class of the BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL, Study by Correspondence, will begin January 3rd. In order to be ready to start with that class you should begin to make preparations now. In fact, if you do not send for the free catalogue immediately it will be difficult to start with the Class. It takes time of course for your letter to reach us, then it takes more time for the catalogue to get back to you—and then we want to have the first lessons and chart in your hand so that we can all start with one soul and heart together on Monday, January 3rd.

Probably many have been thinking about it for a long time, but different hindrances have come up. I urge you to feel the importance of careful Bible study.

To all those who are members of THE CHURCH OF GOD, we are happy to announce, will receive, at the end of their regular course a course in Bible Doctrines, the very pillar and ground of the truth. There is no extra cost attached to it; it is given free to all those who have finished the regular course. We should announce, however, that it is so intertwined and connected with the remainder of the course that we can give it only as an extra part of the course.

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A SPIRITUAL HOUSE

Bartley L. Hicks

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." 1 Pet. 2:5.

Solomon's temple was built of natural stones and timbers. The temple was completed, the ark of the covenant was placed, everything was to its place and then what happened? "The priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord." 1 Kings 8:11.

Solomon was seven years building the temple (the natural house). Jesus was approximately three years and six months in preparing the material for the spiritual house. He Himself being the chief corner stone. He cried out on the cross, "It is finished"—the plan, the blue print was finished. He had paid the price of our redemption, had bought all the material necessary with which to build a spiritual house. He arose the third day, was seen of the disciples for forty days and ascended up to heaven.

One hundred-twenty lively stones were in the temple at Jerusalem, where Jesus had placed them, continually praising and blessing God for ten days. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place," and sometime before the third hour of the day it seemed that the windows of heaven opened and all the glory, power and blessedness of heaven were poured out upon those one hundred-twenty "lively stones." They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance, thus becoming lively stones indeed, and immediately they were built up a complete spiritual house, inasmuch that the first sermon preached under the power of the Holy Ghost brought in three thousand more stones which were made lively after they had been filled with the Holy Ghost.

Oh, beloved, let us take a spiritual view of this beautiful house and its beautiful furniture, with which it was furnished. Listen, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common, and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:42-47.

"AND THE MULTITUDE OF THEM THAT BELIEVED WERE OF ONE HEART AND OF ONE SOUL: * * * And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and GREAT GRACE was upon them all." Acts 4:32, 33.

Let us take a look on the inside of this wonderful house. See the beautiful soft beds and chairs which are places of rest, ("There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." Heb. 4:9.) which is the stammering lips and other tongues. Isa. 28:11, 12. See the great grace, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, gifts of healing, of wisdom, of knowledge, of faith, of working of miracles, of prophecy, of discerning of spirits, of divers kinds of tongues, of interpretation of tongues, helps, GOVERNMENTS (1 Cor. 12); power to raise the dead, to heal the sick (For, by Peter's shadow many were healed), to cast out devils, to speak with new tongues, to take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them. (Mark 16:17, 18). Also great signs and wonders and many other things to which time and

space will not permit us to make comparisons.

One great thing I want us to notice is the great cook stove of OBEDIENCE which was fired up with the fire of the Holy Ghost, and upon which were prepared the precious bread of life, the water of life, the sincere milk of the Word and the strong meat.

The table of Jesus is spread in the midst where the poor, the blind, the maimed and the halt can come and eat and drink a satisfying portion, and can stay there and feast all the time. Hallelujah! I am at the table now.

This house was filled with the power and glory of God like Solomon's temple was. Why? Because they were ONE. The prayer of Jesus was answered; they were made perfect IN ONE, John 17:23. All the building was FITLY FRAMED TOGETHER and had grown unto an holy temple in the Lord. Eph. 2:21. "By joints and bands having nourishment ministered, AND KNIT TOGETHER, they increased with the increase of God." Col. 2:19.

"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Eph. 4:15, 16.

This was done inasmuch that there were no cracks, no holes, no openings for the spirits of the devil to enter through. Oh, how beautiful it was on the inside, outside and all around. Hallelujah! It is no wonder that the Lord was pleased to dwell there. They began at the top and came down—we are beginning at the bottom and going up. We are uncovering this wonderful house, cleaning it up and getting it ready for the coming of Jesus. Oh, for more ONENESS, more ONENESS and more unity in the CHURCH OF GOD. I know that there is more oneness in the Church of God than elsewhere, but there must be more and more.

Now for a comparison. A modern house is to be built, an architect takes the blue print, the material is furnished, the blue print is closely followed. Every stone, brick, board and every piece of material is put to its proper place and fitted and joined together. The house is finished and is strictly modern—the material perfect, the workmanship perfect and there are no holes, no cracks, no open or decayed places for things to enter through to disturb and defile the temple. The fleas, flies, mosquitoes, worms, spiders, wasps, scorpions, frogs, serpents, rats, skunks, tigers, lions, alligators, hyppopotamuses and elephants can't get in for there is no place to enter. So must the spiritual house be, for the evil spirits of every kind are striving day and night to find a place to get in. Can't you see them as they lurk around this beautiful house trying to find a place to get in? Selfishness, foolishness, jealousy, slothfulness, hatred, evil thoughts, negligence, laziness, unbridled tongue and strange doctrines, pride, tobacco habit, sedition, disobedience to those who have the rule over us, hypocrisy, fleshly lusts, division and many other things, when they find a weak place in the wall, all get their fiendish noses against the weak place, and, oh, how they dig and scratch and push, and if they can get one "lively stone" to deaden enough to separate from the others, then they push in, making a door of division through which can come everything that is unlike God.

Oh, beloved, can't you see Brother Tomlinson, the overseers and pastors as they go running with great drops of sweat trickling down their faces, with the Sword of the Spirit, from room to room, down in the basement, up stairs and into every nook and corner, cutting right and left, killing and dragging out, while some are searching for the place where the evil spirits have gotten in, and, alas, when it is found, some poor stone

that used to be lively has become deadened, warped and crooked and has divided from all the other stones. Then the overseers and pastors take it out, take the plumb and the hewing instruments and begin to work on it. Sometimes they get the humps and crooks and decayed places all trimmed off, get it livened up again and placed back in the wall. But, sad to think, sometimes the poor stone is decayed through and through and though it is trimmed with love and meekness, it will crumble and break to pieces, and is henceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men. But the Lord always furnishes another lively stone to go in its place.

The Lord help me to be lively, strait and smooth on every side so I will fit anywhere they want to place me. Although it may be in what I think is a dishonored place let me stick close and tight to the other stones, fill my place and be content, knowing that "God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked." 1 Cor. 12:24.

Beloved, let us come closer to God and one another, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Eph. 4:13.

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Saints Seem Nearer and Dearer Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I thank Jesus this evening for salvation that I know about. I want to thank Him for saving me from sin and for sanctifying me wholly. The sanctifying power is wonderful. I praise God for His beautiful church, I am so thankful that I am a member of the Church of God. I love everybody. The saints seem nearer and dearer to me since I came into the Church of God.

I thank God for giving me faith to trust Him with my body when I get sick. Some people fall out with us for not taking medicine but Jesus says He will heal all our diseases, and why not trust in Him? I want people to know that I am satisfied with Jesus. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

I feel that I am the least of God's children and feel so weak, but I am on the way with my face toward heaven and by the help of God I mean to keep pressing on. I am the only young person in this community that belongs to the Church of God and I would be glad to hear from any of God's children. As I can't be with them it cheers me to get a letter.

I want all the saints to pray for my unsaved father, brother and sisters, and pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost soon.

Your sister in Christ,
Lizzie Uldike.
Leesville, Va. R. 1.

Ready to Help in Meetings

Dear Brother Tomlinson: My daughters and I are fighting battles for the grand old Church of God. Both of them have the baptism and are a power in God's hands. Martha, the older, was born blind and her eyes were opened in answer to prayer. I wanted to bring her to the Assembly but could not.

We are given up to God and are determined to go out on the battlefield. We have been here since last May working with our hands and in almost full service for God until I feel He will let us go further. We are ready to help in any meeting where we are needed. It is impossible for us to get work here and I feel that it is God pushing us out. My girls are not burdens, but workers.

I am glad to report victory in my soul and want your prayers. Mrs. Myrtle Burger.
616 Madden St., Columbus, Ga.

Can't Doubt her Experience

Dear Brothers and Sisters Everywhere: I want to tell you what Jesus is and has been to me. I am saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost sweetly abides. Praise God. I am so glad I can trust Him to keep soul and body. I have four children and He heals them, too.

I thank God for the little church at this place and because He has added me to His church. I know I have an experience that no one can make me doubt. Praise the Lord! Though they try so hard sometimes to turn me some other way I know I am settled and satisfied. I thank God that I am cast off for the world around me for it is His Word. "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you." John 15:18.

I ask all the saints everywhere to pray for my husband to give up the world and come back to God, and that I may raise my children right.

Mrs. R. E. Smith.
Zolfo, Fla.

Loves the Church of God

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have not been in the Church of God but a short time but I am so happy since I came in the great church that was purchased with the precious blood of Jesus. I am so glad I received the light. Bless His name!

I would be glad if all the saints were willing to be called by our Father's name. I believe the Spirit of God is leading me, flesh and blood have not revealed it to me.

God tells us in His Word that He will not withhold any good thing from them that walk uprightly. God wants all His children to walk in the light as He turns it on.

Pray that I may do His will at all times.

Della Baker.
Columbia, S. C.

Be Faithful and True

To All the Dear Children of God:

I want to praise God for His presence. I have just been reading the little white winged messenger that brings glad tidings of great joy to so many hungry hearts. As I laid the paper down and fell on my knees in prayer to God for lost souls and our dear overseer I could almost see heaven open in answer to prayer. Glory to God.

Dear saints, I had a dream a few weeks ago that makes me believe that Jesus is soon coming. I saw a large rock in the shape of a coffin and as white as snow. On the rock was a house, and a large crowd of people were around it, all looking to the house. All seemed to be sincere and steadfast, not moving at all. Praise God! I believe the rock was Jesus and the house was the church that Jesus said the gates of hell shall not prevail against. Hallelujah to the Lamb! I don't understand why the rock was in the shape of a coffin unless it meant that the time for Jesus to come is near. Oh, how I want to be ready for that great supper. I want to take the trip to heaven and back with the great King of Kings. Bless His dear name!

I thank God that the Holy Ghost still abides. Glory to Jesus. "If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." Psa. 139: 9, 10.

Watch, ye saints, with eyelids waking.
Lo, the powers of heaven are shaking.
Keep your lamps all trimmed and burning.
Ready for your Lord's returning.

Kingdoms at their base are crumbling;
Hark! His chariot wheels are rumbling.
Tell, oh, tell of grace abounding.
Whilst the seventh trump is sounding.

Nations wane the proud and stately,
Christ His kingdom hastest greatly;
Earth her latest pangs are summing,
Shout, ye saints, your Lord is coming.—Hallelujah!

Your blood-bought sister looking for Jesus,
Mrs. J. D. Sheffield,
Willacoochee, Ga.

Little Girl Serves God

Dear Saints Everywhere:

I want to praise God for the love He bestows on me, a weak unworthy creature. I am one of the weakest saints, a little girl fourteen years of age. I have had the blessed Holy Ghost over a year and my mother received Him last spring. My father is dead.

I thank God for the dear old Church of God. I mean to go all the way with my dear Lord who has done so much for me. It means something to live for Jesus.

Sinners, it is time to wake up and go to serving God. You cannot take the things of this world to heaven. You must pay the price before you can go there.

Pray for the people of this country. There are no holiness people closer than two miles. Pray for our family to do God's will and for the band of saints at Salem, Ky.

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While I was under the power of the Holy Ghost I said, "Babylon is fallen, Babylon is fallen to rise no more, but the Church of God will rise and shine forevermore." Hallelujah to God!

Wonderful things we can see when we are under the power. I am so glad I am one of them today.

I want to go out in the work of the Lord and I want all the saints to pray for me that God will move all hindering causes out of my way so I can go where He wants me to go. Pray that the Lord will heal my body.

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I am saved, sanctified by the blood and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire and have the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

I desire your prayers that I may stay humble and do God's will.

Your unworthy sister,
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